



BOMB EXPLODES: Watched by a policeman, an explosives expert carefully examines a device in the vicinity of the London stock exchange Friday. Two stock exchange workers, a man and a woman, were injured when a bomb, one of many sent through the mail to addresses in London, exploded. This device was carried from the stock exchange building by a fireman. (AP Wirephoto)

Two Injured At Stock Exchange London Bombs Blamed On IRA

LONDON (AP) — A letter bomb exploded on the 22nd floor of the London Stock Exchange today, wounding the secretary-general of the exchange and his private secretary.

They were the first casualties

Willkie Still A Loser

OLD SAYBROOK, Conn. (AP) — Wendell L. Willkie has received another vote in his 1940 bid to defeat incumbent President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

A 33-year-old Willkie vote, yellow with age, was found in an old ballot box in the Town Hall attic Wednesday by Barbara Maynard, Republican registrar.

It won't change the outcome. Even though Willkie's total is now 22,348,481, FDR still wins by about five million votes.

in the six-day wave of letter and incendiary bombs plaguing the British capital. Scotland Yard believes the bombers are terrorists from Northern Ireland and probably members of the Irish Republican Army.

The secretary-general of the stock exchange, 61-year-old George W.R. Brind, sustained minor hand wounds in the explosion. His 26-year-old secretary, Joanna Knight, who opened the booby-trapped letter, had serious hand injuries and minor facial and leg wounds.

Brind was sitting at his desk opposite Miss Knight when she opened the envelope addressed to George Loveday, the chairman of the stock exchange.

Ten letter bombs were received earlier this week by various government offices and organizations in London, and 15 small incendiary devices have been planted in leading department stores, causing slight damage.

Scotland Yard reported that one of the letter bombs was delivered to Prime Minister Edward Heath's office residence and lay partially open in a mail tray for hours before a secretary realized its lethal contents.

Detectives revealed that the booby-trapped paperback book was delivered to No. 10 Downing St. on Tuesday in the first batch of letter bombs sent to government offices and various organizations in London this

week. The fact that No. 10 had been one of the targets was kept secret for 48 hours.

The bomb consisted of about four ounces of plastic explosives packed in a book about Gustav Mahler, one of

the music-loving prime minister's favorite composers. The packet was addressed to a member of the secretarial staff, and the secretary who opened it partially put it aside, thinking it was a circular.

The police thought they might be on the trail of the letter bombers after an explosion Thursday night in a house in Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland. A 29-year-old man and a 19-year-old girl

were injured in the explosion and were hospitalized, and in the wreckage security men found a number of partly completed bombs closely resembling those delivered in London.



TAKE UP FIGHT: Doing their own thing in the consumer battle against high meat prices are these two Bay county officials who are raising their own pigs — two for starters. Robert J. Redmond, left, deputy county clerk, and Lewis Couman, an ac-

countant for the county administrator in Bay City, Mich., have formed "Bob and Lew's Pig Farm," despite chuckles from fellow workers. (AP Wirephoto)

Young Swede Wins Release Of Killer; Still Holds Four

STOCKHOLM (AP) — A young gunman holding four hostages in a Stockholm bank warned police today after 20 hours of siege: "I have no plans to give up. I have enough pep

to stay awake for two days." Police said 22-year-old Kaj Hansson, a Swede with a wife and child in the United States, refused to release the three women and one man he was holding although the government had agreed to his demand for \$850,000 in cash and safe conduct out of the country for himself and convicted murderer Clark Olofsson.

The police told Hansson they would give him the money and safe passage only if he released the hostages. But he said he was going to take at least one of them with him.

Chief Inspector Sven Thorander said Hansson let him enter the bank several times during the night to negotiate. "The talks are almost deadlocked, but we are still optimistic we can persuade him to free the hostages," Thorander said.

Hansson escaped from prison last month. Armed with a sub-machine gun, he took over the Kreditbanken Thursday morning, took four of the bank's officials as hostages, and demanded 3 million crowns — \$850,000 — and freedom for himself and Olofsson, who is

serving a life sentence for killing a policeman in 1966.

Police snipers twice abandoned attempts to shoot the young gunman, fearing they might hit the hostages. Hansson wounded one policeman in the hand Thursday and fired more shots later to keep policemen away from the entrance to the bank, where they had parked a sports car for him to make a getaway.

Meanwhile Olofsson was brought from Norrkoeping Prison, 93 miles south of Stockholm, and allowed to join Hansson in the bank.

Police said Hansson went to the United States in 1971, married and had a child. He was deported in July 1972 and returned to Sweden, leaving his wife and child in America. After a few months he went to Canada, hoping to enter the United States from there, but the attempt failed.

The police said he returned to Sweden in January and met Olofsson, who had escaped from prison. They robbed a bank in Göteborg of \$4,000 but were caught.

The police said they did not know where Hansson's wife and child were living in the United States.

David Explains To 'Mrs. Nixon'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — David Eisenhower was asked in an interview with the Los Angeles Times published today if he calls his presidential father-in-law "Mr. Nixon."

Eisenhower nodded yes and added:

"Mrs. Nixon heard me call him that once and said, 'Now, David, you shouldn't be so formal.'"

"I said, 'You're right, Mrs. Nixon.'"

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Golf at Paw Paw Lake. Adv.

EPA Moves To Save Fuel U.S. Asks Mileage Labels

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency formally launched on Thursday a voluntary program for labeling each new car with its miles-per-gallon fuel economy.

Robert L. Sansom, assistant administrator for air and water programs, said that a mandatory labeling program might be

considered if auto makers did not adopt mileage labeling voluntarily, but he said he believed they would.

The program was designed to encourage consumers to purchase fuel-saving cars and manufacturers to build them.

The average car in the United States today runs about 13.5 miles on one gallon of gasoline. Sansom estimated that if all cars averaged 20 miles per gallon by 1980, the nation would be saving more than 32 billion gallons of fuel and \$16 billion a year.

To the average motorist, such an improvement in gasoline mileage would mean savings of about \$120 for each 10,000 miles of driving, EPA estimated.

If the manufacturers cooperate, the new 1974-model cars appearing in showrooms this fall would carry special labels, prominently displayed on a window near the price

sticker. The labels would show the average fuel economy to be expected for a general category of vehicle weight and would identify the weight category of the individual car.

In addition manufacturers

could voluntarily add specific numbers showing more precisely the weight and fuel economy of each car.

The sticker would also indicate anticipated fuel cost for

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Agnew Successor Indicted By Jury

BALTIMORE (AP) — Dale Anderson, a Democrat who succeeded Vice President Spiro T. Agnew as chief executive of Baltimore County, has been charged with extortion and bribery in a kickback scheme involving architects and engineers.

The indictment by a federal grand jury Thursday was the first in a far-reaching investigation of political corruption in Maryland. The grand jury, empaneled in December, is expected to begin probing soon allegations of similar illegal payments to Agnew.

Agnew has branded as "damned lies" reports that he received such kickbacks.

And an hour after Anderson's indictment was announced, Agnew responded he found the charges "totally at variance with my impressions of him and everything I know about him."

"Despite our political differences, in all my associations with Mr. Anderson, both official and private, he has exhibited unusual candor and integrity," the vice president added.

The 56-year-old Anderson said he was innocent of accusations that he extorted \$46,270 from eight firms doing business with the county.

Gov. Marvin Mandel, a Democrat who followed Agnew into the state house in Annapolis, said he wouldn't comment until Anderson "has had his day in court."

The boss of the sprawling Baltimore city suburb and one of the most powerful Democrats in Maryland, Anderson was the

sole defendant in the 39-count indictment. A former aide was named co-conspirator and four other men—two of them longtime Agnew associates—were cited as participants in the conspiracy that allegedly began in November 1966. At the time Agnew was the county's chief elected official.

U.S. Attorney George Beall, who heads the probe, said "further indictments can be expected."

He added that "the investigation of Mr. Anderson, other public officials and business entities and individuals in Baltimore County is continuing."

Beyond that he didn't amplify.



GOV. RONALD REAGAN
Insists on tax rebate

special statewide election Nov. 6.

"Then they can finish the job already started by voting to limit and reduce their tax burden permanently," Reagan said.

The surplus primarily was a result of welfare savings and an unexpected business upturn which poured more money into the treasury than anticipated, Reagan said.

Leaders of the Democratic-controlled legislature agreed with Reagan that the excess money should be turned back to the people, but they were stalemated with him for months over just how to do it.

Meanwhile, on July 1, a one-penny sales tax increase went into effect. The tax hike had been voted last December to pay for increased state aid to schools. That was before officials realized the size of the surplus that was building.

The tax rebate finally passed

Bonanza In Tax Refunds

California Reverses Flow

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Californians begin reaping a one-time tax bonanza Oct. 1, getting back a total of \$721 million in state treasury surplus.

That figures out to nearly \$35

for every man, woman and child in the state.

Gov. Ronald Reagan called it the largest state tax rebate in the nation's history when he signed the bill into law Thursday.

The reverse flow of taxes was made possible by an unexpected treasury surplus of \$829 million built up over the past two years.

Reagan insisted the money be returned to the taxpayers rather than be spent on new programs. The tax rebate will take two forms.

First, the state sales tax will be rolled back by one penny on the dollar on Oct. 1 for six months. It had gone from five to six per cent in most of California July 1.

Next spring, the state's more than 6 million income tax payers are to get cuts ranging from 20 per cent to 100 per cent off their tax bills due April 15.

The Republican governor said Thursday he won the tax rebate over the opposition of "would-be big spenders" in the legislature.

Now, he said, the voters of the state have a "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity to cut their taxes permanently by approving his tax control program at a

LeRoy W. Muldoon, 46; his wife, Donna, 44, both of Wheaton, Ill., died Thursday at 12:44 p.m. in Borgess hospital, where she was taken after the crash in which her parents were killed. A hospital spokesman said she died of injuries sustained in the crash. She had been listed "critical" since her admission.

Killed in the accident involving three station wagons were

Joseph Lori Muldoon, 14, of Wheaton, Ill., died Thursday at 12:44 p.m. in Borgess hospital, where she was taken after the crash in which her parents were killed. A hospital spokesman said she died of injuries sustained in the crash. She had been listed "critical" since her admission.

Killed in the accident involving three station wagons were

Sunday's Crash On I-94 Claims Its Fourth Victim

A 14-year-old Illinois girl died yesterday in a Kalamazoo hos-

27 Auto Deaths
in Berrien
County in
1973

pital, becoming the fourth death victim of Sunday's three car crash on I-94, south of St.



DALE ANDERSON
Charged with extortion

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A Little Nervous But Rather Effective

His voice quavered a mite; he speared the air with jerky motions of his hands. But, as one TV commentator said immediately afterward, "it was a gutsy performance."

In his first no-holds barred press conference on the Watergate scandal, President Richard Nixon demonstrated he can handle himself pretty well with the press corps.

As a matter of fact, such nervousness as Nixon did betray Wednesday in San Clemente may simply have resulted from a lack of practice. It was the first genuine press conference he's held in five months.

He seemed to pick up assurance after answering a question as to why former Atty. Gen. John Mitchell hadn't told him earlier of White House involvement in Watergate.

Nothing Mitchell had testified the President would have "blown his stack," Nixon replied, "because he's exactly right—had he told me, I would have blown my stack just as I did at Ziegler (Press Secretary Ron Ziegler) the other day."

A burst of laughter over the nationally-televised push that Nixon gave Ziegler earlier this week, relaxed the President, and he went on to handle the pointed questioning rather handily.

If Nixon is politically astute, he'll hold press conferences more

frequently than he has in the past. With a retentive memory and quick mind, he does well. And the conference format favors the man who holds the platform. The answers can be responsive or not as the speaker wants to make them, and there's no right of cross examination.

Substantively, the Wednesday press conference didn't produced almost nothing about Watergate beyond Nixon's previous explanations. But the 50-minute exchange outside the Western White House now makes it possible for the President to say that he has made himself available for any and all questions—a good public relations stance. Moreover, his press conference did deal with specific details of Watergate, unlike the ineffective blanket denial of his Aug. 15 TV speech.

Whatever Nixon says or does, about a third of the country will automatically disapprove—purely on a partisan basis. Another third will approve—for the same reason.

Nixon has to recapture the middle one-third if he's going to regain the terrific political clout he held going into last November's landslide election. He appears to have gone some of the way with his San Clemente press conference.

At least, the people with money think so. The stock market stopped slipping and bounced up yesterday.

College Economics Make Parents Shudder

Business Week magazine expresses sorrow for parents with kids in college.

In its Aug. 18 issue, William Flanagan writes:

"You're in for a tough time this year if you have to borrow to help finance your youngster's college education. You'll have to contend with high interest rates and a shortage of student loan funds. It now costs at least \$2,000 a year to send your child to a public college, \$3,000 to a private university, and \$5,000 to an Ivy League school. Law school runs at least \$5,000,

and a year's expenses at medical school can total \$7,000 to \$8,000."

"There's a ray of hope" on the horizon for more government guaranteed loans. The newly established Student Loan Marketing Assn. plans eventually to create a flow of new funds for student loans. But educators are doubtful that the forthcoming sale of 'Sallie Mae' common stock to institutional investors can raise enough capital to stimulate very much activity in the near future."

Does anyone wonder that many middle class couples are restricting themselves to one child—or none?

Mayor Rizzo Should Have Read Hamlet Better

In the somewhat unlikely event that Philadelphia's Mayor Frank L. Rizzo is a student of Shakespeare, he may have reflected lately on that passage in "Hamlet" which tells of "the engineer hoist with his own petar." Rizzo just blew himself out of the water with explosives he had hoped would blast his enemies.

There has been a running hassle over Rizzo's use of a special police squad to check up on the activities of Philadelphia political figures. The mayor says he's on the track of political corruption; his opponents say the sleuthing is being used for political purposes.

One of the opponents, Democratic City Chairman Peter J. Camiel, charged that Rizzo had sought to make a secret patronage deal with him. Rizzo denied this, and brashly

agreed to submit to a polygraph test. Camiel and Deputy Mayor Phillip Carroll also voluntarily took the test administered by a Miami expert.

Enter the above-mentioned petar. Before the test Rizzo was quoted in the press as saying: "I have great confidence in the polygraph. If the machine says a man lied, he lied." After the test the expert polygraph operator said that someone did indeed lie — two someones, the mayor and his deputy. Camiel, said the expert, told the truth about the alleged incident.

Boom! One has a vision of Rizzo slowly descending from on high, like one of those indestructible blast victims in an animated cartoon. As he, descended he said there must have been "something wrong" about the lie detector test, and declared that he would continue to "pursue all facets of corruption in government."

Wonder if he had his fingers crossed?

Literary Progress

Translations of American books are outselling all others in underdeveloped countries. American works have progressed to the point in the Arab world, for instance, where they represent 70 percent of the foreign books available in the native tongue.

These works also loom large, of course, in advanced countries, and even in Russia where all the regime allows to circulate are snapped up.

American books are much loved by Indonesians. Other Asian, as well as African and Latin American, countries report similar popularity for literature originating in the USA.

No Peeking



GLANCING BACKWARDS

SI GIRL HOSTS DUESENBERG FESTIVAL

— 1 Year Ago —

Miss Dale Duesenberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Duesenberg, 2810 Evergreen drive, St. Joseph will be official hostess of the 17th annual Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Festival in Auburn, Ind., Sept. 1 to 4.

Staged by the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Club with the help of Auburn city and Indiana state officials, the Hoosier Festival is one of the nation's top attractions for classic car fanciers. It ordinarily draws huge crowds to Auburn on the Labor Day

weekend.

JACK STUBER IS ALLSTATE 'REP'

— 10 Years Ago —

John W. Stuber has been appointed a sales representative of the Allstate Insurance companies for the twin cities area, assigned to the Benton Harbor Sears store, according to R. W. Weber, Allstate regional manager.

Stuber has completed a training course at the company's zone office, Skokie, Ill. He also has passed an examination conducted by the State of Michigan. He resides in St. Joseph with his

wife and one child.

RUBBISH AND GLASS DUMPED...PART II

— 29 Years Ago —

A Three Oaks resident arraigned before Justice Walter Rhode in New Buffalo on charges of dumping rubbish containing glass into a pasture where cattle were grazing was fined \$5 and costs of \$3.35, and not \$35, as was incorrectly published in yesterday's edition.

He says he dumped the rubbish on the farm three miles north of Three Oaks, to spite the man, with whom he says he has been at odds.

PLANS TOLD FOR BUSLINE

— 39 Years Ago —

Plans for establishing a bus line between the twin cities and Dowagiac will be presented to the Dowagiac Business Men's association.

WOMEN'S REP. CLUB BEGUN

— 49 Years Ago —

Mrs. H. G. Bartlett has been elected chairman of the Republican Women's club organized when a group of Berrien county women met at the court house. The vice chairman is Mrs. L. W. Cammack; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Harry Merchant.

WINS TOURNAMENT

— 59 Years Ago —

Miss Marjorie Mellen was winner in the approaching and putting contest at the Berrien County country club. Miss Frances Drake took second prize. Women's play for the Dickinson cup will start next week.

RUN OF BAD LUCK

— 83 Years Ago —

Master Eddie Berg, son of Mrs. S. Berg, who broke his right arm a few weeks ago, was so unfortunate last week while at the dock as to dislocate his left arm.

Bruce Blossat

Rocky Is Still On '76 Trail



WASHINGTON (NEA) — Notwithstanding published accounts to the contrary, Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York is said by intimate aides to be still "affirmatively bent" toward seeking a fifth term in 1974 and the presidency in 1976.

The alleged change of heart has been ascribed, at least in part, to state polls supposedly showing a currently very low popularity rating for the governor in his state. Says a Rockefeller aide:

"That is totally false. No polls have been taken."

It is not too likely that even if there had been, they alone would discourage Rockefeller if the findings were adverse. He was confronted by painfully low poll status in 1966, but staged one of the hardest-driving, most skillful campaigns in U.S. history to win his third term.

Aides argue further that if the governor had passed a real signal of intent not to go in 1974 and beyond, it would already be evident in an exodus of key men from his staff. There is no such outflow visible anywhere in this entourage.

On the other hand, for whatever they are worth at this early stage, national opinion polls do nothing to persuade Rockefeller that he has some magic track to high Republican or general voter favor at this moment.

He is totally clear of any attachment to the Nixon administration's Watergate scandals. To listen to GOP politicians from southern and western areas formerly hostile to the governor, he has moved enough toward the center, or toward what they deem conservative positions on some issues like drugs, to win at least some ac-

ceptance in every region. And he was a good Nixon soldier from 1969 on.

Nevertheless, as I noted in a prior report, he may at this stage be the victim of trends beyond his control. Some experienced party hands are suggesting that the moment is here for a generational jump, for a search for men largely separated from the high politics of a "laid-out era."

Such a twist of fate might be especially painful for the driving Rocky. When he really had a better chance and his energies were fresher, he too often lingered in doubt. Today, knowing he will be 68 in 1976, he has for the first time in a long career passed early word of his hopes and ambitions.

His earlier presidential bids usually were handicapped by lack of field staff managers gifted with the needed strategic sense for compiling winning delegate totals. Probably he understands this at long last. The quest for such special skills surely would be more pointed in a 1976 race, though the required talents are scarce.

Vice President Agnew's new difficulties, still not sharply or wholly defined, may nevertheless heighten the nation's and the Republican party's search for someone out of a new and younger crop. But what if that search just does not pay off, if no one among the younger crew really measures up to the office?

Agnew is hurt, even if in the end he comes out clean. Those who are freshly advancing John Connally have not been talking to key Republicans lately.

Gov. Ronald Reagan? Maybe a new beneficiary, but no sure gainer. Rocky has good reason to stick in there.

Marianne Means

'Confidentiality' A Good Case

WASHINGTON — President Richard Nixon has a good case when he argues that he cannot conduct his business adequately without personal trust and confidentiality.

In truth, no responsible person can, whether he be President or merely a lowly columnist.

The President has rested much of both his legal and psychological argument for refusing to release the tapes he made secretly of his conversations upon the grounds that to do so would make frank discussion impossible.

"It is absolutely essential," he said in his latest Watergate speech, "... that he (the President) be able to talk openly and candidly with his advisers about issues and in-

dividuals and that they be able to talk in the same fashion with him."

But there's the rub. How can "they be able to talk in the same fashion with him" when they all now know that they may be on verbal Candid Camera?

The President is claiming something that no longer exists except presumably in a very tight inner circle.

The President indicated he was casting legal and abstruse terms aside for the moment and dwelling only on "common sense" when he outlined his case for confidentiality, which took up roughly one-fifth of his whole Watergate defense.

Privacy is required, he said, so that restraint will not distort reality in conversations not only with a President but between Congressmen and assistants, lawyers and clients, priests and penitents, husbands and wives. (He did not mention psychiatrists and patients.)

But since he is calling upon our common sense, we can't stop with half-logic. For the confidentiality was broken two years ago when he decided to record his conversations with everybody, friend and stranger and foe alike, without their knowledge.

How can a conversation be private when one person has a complete record of it, to be used at will, without the other's say-so?

Nixon demonstrated no respect for the element of confidence when he subjected all those who came in contact with him to later exposure in books, in documents to support his own viewpoint, in whatever manner he and he alone should choose. Nor did he show any respect for it when he allowed Bob Haldeman to listen to two of the tapes for his own purposes. Nor is there any indication that he prepared to safeguard those tapes if anything happened to his ability to protect them in case of illness or revolution.

The act of recording broke the privacy. Revealing the contents now at a time ordained by others than himself is just a second step along the way.

BERRY'S WORLD



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BH School Buses Will Be Busy

'Triple-Routing' Solves Transport Problems

School bus transportation within the Benton Harbor Area schools will begin on the first day of school, Tuesday, Sept. 4. The triple routing of school buses for the 1973-74 year will again be utilized to accommodate the early morning and late afternoon schedules at Benton Harbor high school, according to Ben J. Mammina director of transportation for the Benton Harbor Area schools.

He explained that triple routing has solved the problem of transporting more students at practice all hours of the day. That means buses are scheduled for three separate runs at staggered times in the morning, two runs at noon and three in the afternoon.

A typical bus run would bring in students for the 7 a.m. session at the high school, transport 7th and 8th graders and parochial students to their respective schools by 8:15 a.m., then make a run for the elementary schools or for special education classes, which begin at 8:55 a.m.

The buses also run at 11 a.m., picking up 9th and 10th graders and then taking home 11th and 12th graders from the high school. Some of these buses also may take home and pick up kindergarten children.

The 7th and 8th grade centers, parochial, special education and elementary schools all dismiss within 30 minutes in the afternoon, making the take-home runs from those schools more complex.

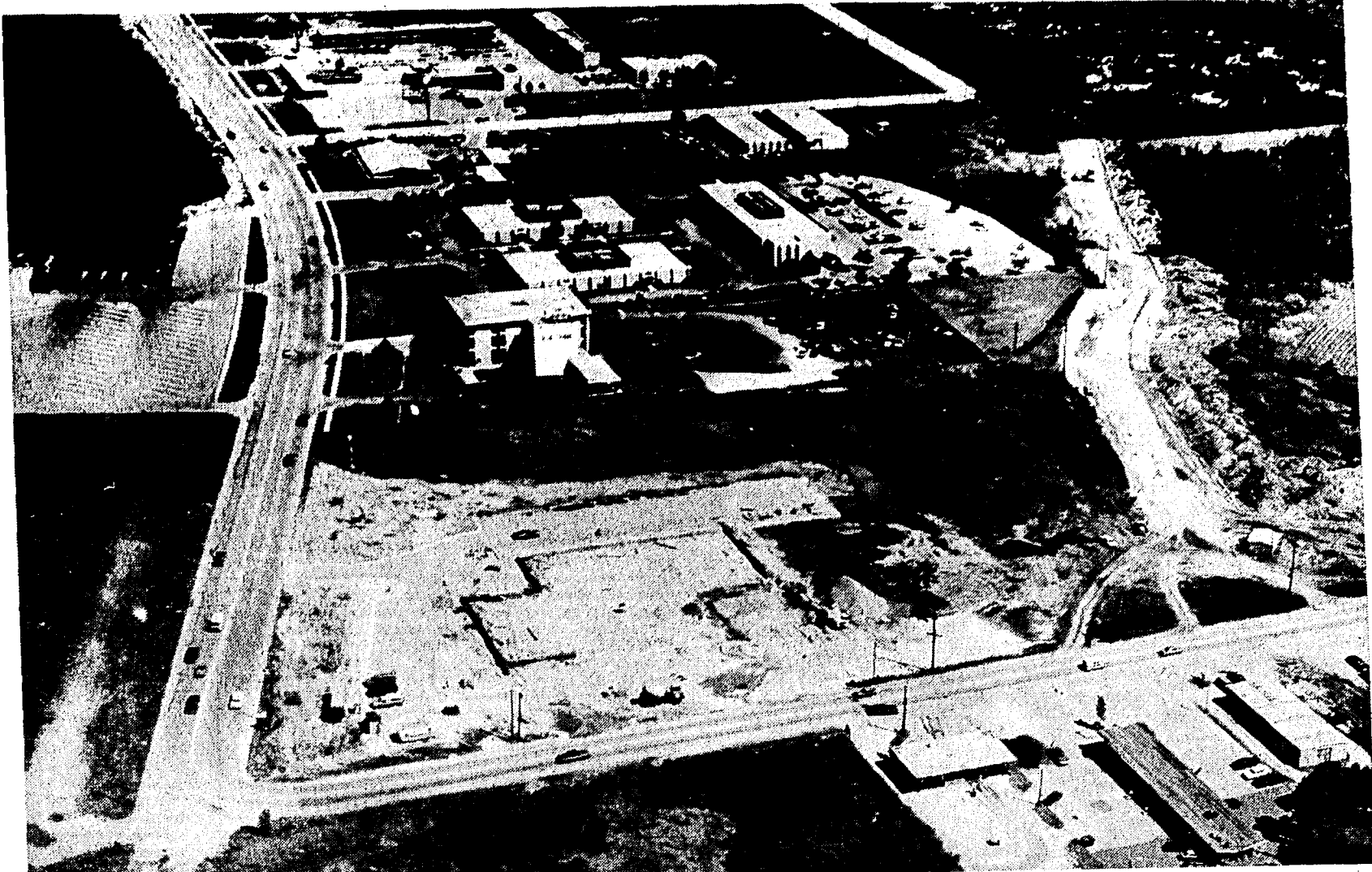
Shuttle buses will be used to take parochial students to the 7th and 8th grade centers.

Generally, all high school stops and runs will be the same as last year. The 7th and 8th grade centers and parochial pickup time will be 5 to 10 minutes earlier than last year, due to the earlier starting time at parochial secondary schools and the 8:55 a.m. starting time of bussed elementary schools. Elementary schedules will be the same as last year. Special education bus schedules will be sent to the student's homes.

The buses will leave the Benton Harbor high school promptly, seven minutes after the dismissal times of 12:05 p.m. and 5:25 p.m.

District policy states: all students, including parochial school students, living outside the city limit and living more than one and one-half miles from the school they attend are eligible for transportation, and elementary students may be required to walk up to one-half a mile to a bus stop, and that secondary students may be required to walk up to one mile to a bus stop.

Thirty-six of the 39 buses are equipped with two-way radios. Emergency evacuation drills will be conducted during the school year, as well as bus rider education in all district schools.



CUTTING THROUGH TO EMPIRE: Extension of 11th street avenue (foreground) to Empire in Benton Harbor is moving ahead despite swampy

terrain encountered by construction crews. John G. Yerington Concrete Co. is contractor for \$179,000 job. At (left foreground) is site of new

All-Phase Electric headquarters under construction at Empire and Riverview drive. (Aerial photo by Adolph Hann)

Two-Year Pact Approved 10-1

BH Teachers Ratify Contract

BY BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

By a 10 to 1 margin, more than 200 Benton Harbor Education Association teachers last night ratified a two-year proposed contract calling for a 4.2 per cent base pay boost the first year and 3.3 the second.

A majority of the district's teachers will receive larger increases than 4.2 and 3.3 base hikes because of annual increment for experience, union leaders said.

They also said teachers lost their "agency shop" provision the first year but get a "watered-down version" back the second year.

GOES TO SCHOOL BOARD

The 61-page contract goes to the Benton Harbor board of education this afternoon for ratification and is effective upon board approval, according to Mrs. Camilla Hunt, BHEA president and chief negotiator.

Negotiators for both sides met in a marathon 18-hour session this week after the BHEA contract with the board expired Aug. 16.

Mrs. Hunt said the BHEA negotiating team presented the proposed contract to teachers at Fairplain junior high school last night without recommendation and left the vote up to individuals.

The vote was an "overwhelming" 10 to 1 in favor, she reported, but declined to name the exact tally.

The new contract would boost the base pay 4.2 per cent for 1973-74, and 3.3 per cent for 1974-75.

BIGGEST MARGIN SINCE 1965

The 10 to 1 margin is believed the biggest since 1965 and it's the first two-year contract since a three-year contract for 1965-68. All since have been one year, BHEA officials said.

"I think it will help the district run smoother for two years," Mrs. Hunt said. "There won't be the yearly hassle."

The two-year contract "was a priority item with the teachers," she added.

Said Mrs. Hunt, longtime BHEA bargainer: "I have never worked with a (BHEA) team that was more professional, cohesive, considerate and hard-working."

She referred to Mrs. Frances Shuck, Mrs. Betty Burleson, Michael Schroeder, Mrs. Kay Rutter, Earl McKee and Stan Miller.

OLD AND NEW PAY

According to information furnished by Mrs. Hunt, the past 1972-73 contract and proposed new contract pay:

Beginning BA degrees, no experience, \$8,065 last year, \$8,400 this year, and \$8,675 the second year.

Ten-year experience BA degrees, \$12,904 last year, \$13,440 this year, and \$13,880 the second year.

Beginning master degrees, no experience, \$8,710 last year, \$9,072 this year, and \$9,369 the second year.

Twelve-year master degrees, \$14,517 last year, \$15,120 this year, and \$15,615 the second year.

One of the trade-offs, Mrs. Hunt indicated, was an agency shop where non-union members pay union dues. The BHEA has had an agency shop since 1970 but the new contract eliminates it the first year and provides for a "watered-down version" the second year.

Mrs. Hunt said.

She termed the non-agency clause "an attempt to gut the association" but said she expects members to remain and new

teachers to join nevertheless.

OTHER PROVISIONS LISTED

The new contract also, according to Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Shuck, BHEA secretary and bargainer:

—Sets standards of professional behavior by teachers barring abuse of sick leave, a brand new item sought by teachers for years.

—Continues performance evaluation of teachers by the administration, with the ultimate penalty for failure being dismissal, subject to tenure proceedings, same as prior years.

—Sets class size at 30 pupils, same as previous years.

—Makes teachers part of a curriculum council, with administrators, to recommend classroom curriculum materials and curriculum changes. The council reports to the board, a bigger role for teachers because in past years teachers recommended to administrators who went to the board.

Lincoln Owners Can Pay Now To Save Interest

Ernest Hauch, Lincoln Township Supervisor, today reminded owners in the new township water district that the principal amount may be paid in full previous to Sept. 1, in order to save interest expense.

The first payment for those properties in the new water district will be included with the 1973 taxes, which will become due after Dec. 1. The first payment represents one-fiftieth of the principal amount of \$800 plus interest for the months of September, October and November. This amounts to \$65.34.

The entire principal amount, or any balance remaining unpaid, may be paid in full at any time, but interest will be added after Sept. 1.

The first installment will automatically be included with the 1973 taxes unless payment of the \$800 has been made in full.

The Sept. 1 date is also the deadline for those properties adjacent to the existing water lines to sign an agreement to have the property included in the 15-year payment program. All property owners along the existing lines have been notified by mail, according to ownership shown on tax records.

Dowagiac City Hall Addition Delayed

DOWAGIAC — Delays in delivery of building supplies has set back the target completion date for the addition to Dowagiac city hall to Sept. 6, 1973, according to City Manager Henry Graper Jr. Graper said that electrical and plumbing supply companies have delayed delivery of supplies to the contractor building the addition because of reported shortages. The project was originally set for completion Aug. 1. The 11-room addition will house the police department and offices of the city manager's department.



TALK CONTRACT TERMS: Mrs. Frances Shuck (left) and Mrs. Camilla Hunt, officials of Benton Harbor Education Association, discuss terms of 61-page contract that teachers approved by 10 to 1 margin last night at Fairplain junior high school. It goes to Benton Harbor school board today for ratification. (Staff photo)

Half Of Schools Reach Teacher Pacts

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Teacher contracts are being reached with steady progress as nearly half of Michigan's 529 kindergarten-through-12th grade school districts report they have reached pacts for the 1973-74 school year.

Fifty-eight school districts concluded contract negotiations in the past two weeks, reported State Superintendent of Public Instruction John Porter.

Porter said Thursday the Michigan Education Department's second teacher contract survey shows that 282, or 49.5 per cent, of the school districts have teacher contracts for the coming school year.

He said 252, or 47.5 per cent, report contract settlements are still pending. Fifteen, or three per cent, of the districts did not report the status of their con-

tract negotiations. Meanwhile Thursday, the Michigan Education Association reported that the Van Buren Education Association, representing the Van Buren school district in Belleville, Wayne county, has filed unfair labor practice charges against two organizations. Charged were the Van Buren School board and the Wayne County Association of School Boards.

It said the Wayne County association is the parent organization of Task Force 36, identified as one of the alliances of local school boards.

The MEA charged that the Van Buren Board of Education has conspired with the Wayne County Association of School Boards and Task Force 36 to violate the teachers' rights under the Michigan Public Employment Relations Act.

Among other specifics, it claims the board's negotiations have done surface bargaining and have refused to meet at reasonable times. It alleges that the board ostensibly is bargaining as a single public employer, but that the "negotiators are in fact controlled by the terms and strategies of 'secret understandings' with Task Force 36." Porter reported of the 252

school districts that say settlement is still pending, 90 districts said that they have an agreement with their teachers to open school while negotiations continue if a settlement has not been reached by then.

Most schools in Michigan will begin classes during the week after Labor Day. However, a few schools will begin next week.

Today In MICHIGAN

Lawsuit Dropped

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The state has dropped a lawsuit against the largest land development company in Michigan in return for promises to halt certain practices and adopt measures to handle consumer complaints.

Atty. Gen. Frank Kelley said American Central Corp. of Southfield did not admit improper or unlawful conduct, but agreed to a consent judgment in which it pledged to halt certain sales practices and protect the rights of future purchasers.

Kelley credited the Michigan Corporations and Securities Bureau for assistance "in investigating deceptive land sales practices, in bringing the original lawsuit and in working out the final settlement."

Grant Awarded

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — A \$1.75 million grant has been awarded the Michigan Department of Corrections by the U.S. Labor Department to develop a plan to help prison parolees find jobs and use social services.

The program is called the Comprehensive Offender Manpower Program plan. It was funded after a year of study by the Corrections Department, along with assistance from the governor's office, the United Auto Workers, Metropolitan Detroit AFL-CIO and the Michigan Employment Security Commission.

Preschool Funds

HARBOR SPRINGS, Mich. (AP) — The legislature will be asked for funds next year to improve preschool programs throughout the state, according to Dr. John Porter, state superintendent of public instruction.

Speaking at the summer workshop of the state Board of Education's Educational Legislative Advisory Council, Porter said preschool education will receive more emphasis in coming years.

"With our programs at the elementary and secondary levels initiated and in action, it seems to me that we must now concentrate a great deal of our effort and attention on the preschool level," he said.



\$200,000 WINNERS: Ralston Gross, 66, and his wife Pauline, of Madison Heights, Mich., each hold a check for \$10,000, after winning the \$200,000 first prize in Thursday's Michigan State Lottery "Super Drawing," held at the Calhoun County Fair, in Marshall.

Man, 66, \$200,000 Winner

Older Folks Best Customers?

MARSHALL, Mich. (AP) — Michigan lottery officials are speculating that senior citizens may be their best customers.

Ralston Gross, 66, a Madison Heights machine operator won \$200,000 Thursday at the state lottery's 39th superdrawing held at the Calhoun County Fair.

Gross, is one of several recent winners over 65. "Maybe it's because they are the ones that dream, dreams," said Daniel Dooley, chief deputy lottery commissioner. "Perhaps it's the very old and the very young that do the most dreaming. They dream of things they want to do but can't quite finance, like a

castle in Spain, a chateau on the Rhine or a trip around the world."

Gross and his wife Polly have a son and four grandchildren.

Lottery officials say more than \$44 million in revenue has gone into the state's general funds from the lottery ticket purchases. In addition, more than \$45 million has been given away in prizes. \$4 million has been spent on printing costs and \$7 million has gone to commissions for ticket sellers and for banking costs.

Each week, approximately 20,000 people win \$25 out of the approximately 5 million tickets which are sold

weekly. More than \$20 million has been handed out in weekly superdrawings.

Five drawings in which \$1 million winners were named have bestowed \$6,475,000.

Two bonus drawings also have been held. The first gave away four \$5,000 cars and 10 persons received \$500 consolation prizes. In the second bonus drawing, 14 people won Independence Day prizes of \$1,176.

One of the \$50,000 winners at Thursday's drawings was Clarence Morton, 47, a Flint storeowner who has won the \$25 weekly prize 13 times and who said he has spent more than \$900 on lottery tickets.

Second Son Dies After Glue Sniffing

BY STEVE McQUOWN

Paw Paw Bureau
PAW PAW — Tragedy has again struck the Ben Whittle family of Paw Paw.

Two years ago, in August, 1971, their 17-year-old son Robert died after officials said he had inhaled fumes sprayed from an aerosol can.

Last night, state police said a second son, Perry, 15, was pronounced dead at Lake View Community hospital, apparently after sniffing glue earlier in the day.

Officers said an ambulance was summoned about 7:15 p.m. to a neighbor's house where young Whittle was found un-

conscious.

He was transported to Lake View where he was pronounced dead at 8 p.m., police said.

Investigating officers said they found dried glue stuck to the youth's fingers and a preliminary investigation indicates he may have been sniffing the substance earlier in the day.

An autopsy has been conducted but results are not in, police said.

Perry lived with his mother and father at the Whittle home on M-40 northwest of Paw Paw.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Hawley Funeral home in Paw Paw.

Bandits Get \$50

Two bandits escaped with \$50 after holding up an attendant at the Zephyr service station, 790 East Main street, last night, Benton Harbor police reported.

Wilbur Hemminger, 19, station assistant manager, told police he was just closing for the night at about 8:25 when two men walked up and asked directions.

As he started to reply, Hemminger said, one of the men stuck a pistol to his back and told him to give them money.

Hemminger said the second man took a bag containing about \$50 from the station safe and the two fled on foot.

Hemminger said a customer drove into the station as the two fled, and Hemminger asked the man to follow the robbers while he called police, but the customer declined.



NO SHORTAGE HERE: Coloma Lions club members had no trouble last night in staging steak fry despite reported shortage of beef. Fifty T-bone steaks were ready for hungry attendees. Club officials said steaks were obtained through accumulation from previous dinner functions as well as regular way. (Cliff Stevens photo)

'A Good Lawyer Is Starving Lawyer,' Says Detroit Critic

DETROIT (AP) — "There's no such thing as a good lawyer," says Virginia Cramer, originator of a now illegal do-it-yourself divorce course and an avid lawyer hater.

"If I hear of a good lawyer, I know he must be starving to death," she says, "because he would be making people more competent to represent themselves so they wouldn't need him."

Mrs. Cramer contends the law doesn't

"Before my divorce I was a head-in-sand ostrich like everyone," Mrs. Cramer recalls.

"They (lawyers) have infiltrated everywhere. Most of the members of the state legislatures and the Congress are lawyers and so is the entire judiciary except in one state. You have lawyers running the three branches of government.

"They are a monopoly and if they were General Motors, we'd be filing anti-trust actions against them," said Mrs. Cramer.

Mrs. Cramer's current problems with the judicial branch involve her defunct do-it-yourself divorce kits. The State Bar of Michigan took the her to court to suppress her business last October.

"I don't believe in divorce kits either," Mrs. Cramer says now. She has a new business, Divorce Rites, a counseling service for people seeking divorce without the aid of an attorney.

"They (the kits) make more business for lawyers because of possible procedural errors which people don't know how to correct. I offer forms, like a stationery store. I don't answer people's questions, and ask them questions. They always have the answers."

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge John O'Hair has forbidden her from "furnishing or offering to furnish kits, forms or documents, with assistance in their completion or execution, to persons seeking to dissolve a marital relationship."

The judge also ruled her counseling activities were "unauthorized practice of the law."

Mrs. Cramer was sent to the Detroit House of Corrections for contempt of court because she found she was continuing to practice her \$50 do-it-yourself divorce instructions despite his order forbidding it.

On Aug. 6, Mrs. Cramer was fined \$250 for contempt of court after she advertised her counseling service again. She said she was protesting the Detroit Bar Association's decision to set up a poor people's divorce program for \$125 plus costs.

"If you were a millionairess and walked into K-Mart and bought a beach bag, they wouldn't charge you more than an ADC mother simply because you had more money," she said.



VIRGINIA CRAMER
Fighting lawyers 20 years

define exactly what the practice of law is. She says a person who represents himself in court can seek advice from anyone but at the same time is not obligated to take that advice.

"Court procedure is a burlesque, the law a game," she said.

Mrs. Cramer's fight against lawyers began about 20 years ago when she and her husband sought a divorce.

She later argued a case against a state law which expanded the judiciary to the Michigan Supreme Court where she says she was verbally attacked for representing herself.

One Arrested, Two Sought In Sister Lakes Robbery

SISTER LAKES — One man has been arrested and two others are being sought in connection with an armed robbery of Bill Mitchell's Oasis grocery store here about 7:15 last night.

A man identified as Richard Chadwick, 22, a farm worker from Sodus township, was arrested in Benton township after township police officers stopped a car matching the description of the auto believed connected with the robbery.

Chadwick is being held for Van Buren authorities as the investigation continues. He was held on charges of driving without a license and driving a car bearing expired plates.

The owner of the store, Bill Mitchell, said this morning three men came into his store early in

the evening and then returned a short time later with shotguns.

Mitchell said he and an employee were forced to lie on the floor as the three took about \$500 from one of the cash registers.

There were about eight other customers in the store at the time, Mitchell, of St. Joseph, said. He said no shots were fired.

The store is located on M-152 near the Cass-Van Buren line.

Sheriff's deputies working as Keeler township police made the initial investigation.

Police reports on the robbery were not available this morning.



THREE OAKS BARN BURNS: Four calves died when fire destroyed 72 by 50 foot barn at Thomas Payne farm, Avery and Kruger roads, in Weesaw township, rural Three Oaks early this morning. Also lost were 10,000 bales of hay, several pieces of farm machinery, milk house and adjoining pole barn. Fire Chief Daniel said two nearby buildings, two cars and house were damaged by fire and heat. Fire was discovered about 3 a.m. when family was awakened by barking of dogs. Cause of fire was not immediately determined, but Daniel said arson is suspected. Assisting Weesaw were fire units from Three Oaks, Gallien, River-side and Bertrand townships. (Staff photo)

KING ABDICATES
ROME (AP) — Deposed King Mohammed Zahir of Afghanistan today abdicated the throne which he lost in a coup a month ago.

TO VISIT ULSTER
LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Edward Heath plans to visit Northern Ireland next week, his third trip to the troubled province.

MISS BIG LOOT
NEW YORK (AP) — Jazzman Maynard Ferguson was robbed of \$123 in a hotel stickup, but the robbers missed the \$6,000 he had stashed in an attache case.